

led legislation to help people in their youngest years as well as their senior years. I appreciated especially the work that he did on Alzheimer's and making sure that we continue to invest in our science and education.

One little fact you may not know in all the tributes that have come out about Senator ALEXANDER—and I was here for his speech—is that every summer for 25 years, he and his wife and four children have gone to the Boundary Waters to canoe and fish. The Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota is very close to where my dad grew up. In fact, it is the town that is the gateway to the Boundary Waters in Ely, MN, something that—way back when Senator ALEXANDER was going there for the first few years—my dad was writing about for the newspaper in an effort to make sure we kept the Boundary Waters protected.

I certainly hope that Senator ALEXANDER continues to spend time there and enjoy our lands and help the work that he has done—which he has seen on the Great American Outdoors Act—and see it firsthand.

We know that his red and black flannel shirt will be welcome in Minnesota. It is something we see everywhere in Northern Minnesota and throughout our State, and we hope to see him back soon.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL B. ENZI

Mr. President, next, my friend Senator ENZI. True collegiality and camaraderie have sometimes been hard to come by in Washington these past few years, and that is why I think about someone who never lets the temperature rise, who is always willing to find that common ground. As I heard him say and have heard him say many times before his closing speech here, in his words, "I always believed we could agree on 80 percent of the issues and on 80 percent of each issue, and that if we focus on the 80 percent, we can do great things for the American people." I remember his saying that when he would work with Ted Kennedy—and their genuine friendship—and I remember he said that many times to me as we worked on bills together.

One of the first bills that I worked on a few years coming in here was with Senator ENZI, and it was about our paramedics and using the experience that they had gained serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, making sure that when they came home, they could use that experience immediately and put it to work on being paramedics in our own country because we had a shortage, and we still do, and we wanted to respect that experience—so many of them in small towns where they would have to travel then to get the final degree they needed to be able to continue working as a paramedic. MIKE and I wanted to make sure that experience they had in serving our country would be put to good use and would allow them to get those degrees faster.

I was also fortunate to work with MIKE on trying to turn the page on

U.S.-Cuba policy and forge a new path. He was always willing to work with me on that and be one of the cosponsors of my bill to lift the embargo—something that I hope will eventually get done in his honor, as he understood that the way to get to democratic change in Cuba was by enhancing our relationship and that the Cuban people did not necessarily share the same views—and many of them do not—of their government and that so many people in Cuba love America and that it was very important for us to improve that relationship.

As chair of the Budget Committee—and one of only two accountants in the Senate—Senator ENZI has also been dedicated to addressing our deficit and debt challenges. He has long urged the Federal Government to move to biannual budgeting, something that I support, as well, and something that my friend JEANNE SHAHEEN has been working with him on.

Senator ENZI has a lot of smart proposals that he has put forward. I mostly, though, will remember his spirit—his spirit that we saw, and see, every week at the Prayer Breakfast—of course, he can still come back to that as a former Member—but also the work that he did in the Senate and how he would genuinely try to find common ground.

I have told him many times how much I love his State, having once bicycled from Minneapolis to Jackson Hole to get there—1,200 miles in 11 days with my dad—and when my husband and I, in the middle of the pandemic, decided to drive one place this summer, we drove to Wyoming and hiked in the Tetons. So I look forward and I hope to see MIKE and Diana there, and my hope for him is all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CORY GARDNER

Mr. President, Senator GARDNER. Senator GARDNER and I served together on the Commerce Committee, and throughout his tenure as a Member of Congress, he has been a champion of public lands, and, of course, with the beautiful, beautiful national parks in Colorado, I think you couldn't be doing your job for your State if you weren't such a leader on lands.

He worked tirelessly to pass the very important Great American Outdoors Act—historic legislation that invests in our commitment to ensuring our Nation's trails, public lands, parks, and open spaces remain protected and accessible for generations while also permanently funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I was proud to cosponsor this legislation, which, as you all know, was signed into law in August.

We have also worked together on the Commerce Committee on travel and tourism, hit especially hard during this pandemic. He may have a little bigger ski hills than we have in Minnesota, maybe some higher mountains than we have, but we both share not only a love for the outdoors but also an under-

standing of how much tourism contributes to our economy.

Together, we worked, along with Senator BLUNT and Senator CORTEZ MASTO, to reauthorize the bipartisan Brand USA bill, which was also signed into law. Since 2013, Brand USA has generated a total economic impact of nearly \$48 billion by allowing our country to pair up with the private sector to reach out to visitors, to get them to come to America, whether it is the Rocky Mountains in Colorado or whether it is the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. Last year, Brand USA generated \$4.1 billion in incremental visitor spending, resulting in a marketing return on investment of 32 to 1.

I also have fond memories of getting to know Senator GARDNER and his wife, both at the last inauguration, at the lunch, which I will just share—not every detail, but let's say it was a memorable lunch that we had. Then, also, we, one time, got to do a humor speech together when there was a last-minute cancellation, and I had 3 hours to fill in for the Winter Gridiron Dinner, and Senator GARDNER did not find out until I got there and had to quickly change his jokes from Senator WARNER/TOOMEY. The jokes about billionaires didn't really fit my fiscal situation—or millionaires. Senator GARDNER was great, and we had a lot of fun that night as well.

We are going to miss him and miss all of these Senators. One of the reasons I wanted to do this all at once was that I think we have to remember that this Senate and this institution is bigger than ourselves, that people do come and go, and they all make their marks. You don't necessarily remember the names of everyone—nor does everyone in your State—who is there late at night either passing the Great Outdoors Act or the one who is willing to work with a freshman Democratic Senator to get a bill passed on paramedics or to be willing to take that little bit of a risk and work on some issues that maybe aren't popular in your own political party. All of these Senators in their own way have shown that courage, whether it is DOUG JONES giving his first speech on gun safety or whether it is Senator TOM UDALL, who had a decision to make in what he knew would be his last 2 years: Was he going to be the ranking member of the Rules Committee or the Indians Affairs Committee? He chose Indian Affairs because he knew that that mattered and that this was a group of people who had been so long overlooked, and he was going to spend his last 2 years helping them.

I will miss all of these Senators. I know that they know their work will live on, but it is just a reminder to all of us that maybe in 100 years they won't remember who we are, but people will be benefiting for generations to come from their work.

I yield the floor.